GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1524
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PATRONAGE OF TRADITIONAL GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are so many traditional games in rural areas like Gilli-Danda, Chikka, Kabaddi etc. which are on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any step in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to include such traditional games of the country in the category of national games;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) the details of the games which have been included in the category of national games during the last three years; and

(h) the names of the games that are to be included in the category of national games in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (c) : `Sports` is a State Subject and promotion of sports including the indigenous and regional games is the responsibility of respective States, various National Sports Federations and State Sports Associations within their respective jurisdiction. However, the Government of India through its various schemes and the schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI) augments the efforts of the State Governments and National Sports Federations in promotion of sports all over the country. National Sports Policy, 2001, inter-alia states that indigenous games will be promoted through schemes related to rural sports. Rural Sports Tournament scheme includes traditional games like Archery, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tug of War and Wrestling. Under the various schemes of Sports Authority of India, traditional Indian sports like Archery, Kabaddi, Kho-kho, Wrestling etc are also being promoted.

(d) to (h) : The Government of India through its scheme of `Assistance to National Sports Federations` gives financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federations as per the provisions of the scheme. Disciplines recognized for this purpose, so far, by the Government of India also include indigenous games like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tug of War and Atya Patya. A list of recognized sports disciplines, category - wise is enclosed at Annexure I.

The recognition to National Sports Federations is given after scrutinizing their applications on various prescribed parameters which include the prevalence/popularity of the Games in the Country, presence of State level associations promoting and supporting such games, efforts made by the federation in last 3 years preceding the date of application in broadbasing the discipline etc. Any discipline, including the indigenous ones, which complies with prescribed conditions can qualify for recognition.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) TO (h) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1524 REGARDING PATRONAGE OF TRADITIONAL GAMES ASKED BY SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH.

CATEGORISATION OF SPORTS DISCIPLINES

SPORTS DISCIPLINE

PRIORITY (A)

1. Archery Priority

2. Athletics Priority

3. Badminton Priority

4. Billiards & Snooker Priority

5. Boxing Priority
6. Chess Priority

7 Football Priority

8. Hockey (Men) priority

9. Hockey (Women) Priority
10. Kabaddi Priority
11. Rowing Priority
12. Shooting Priority
13. Tennis Priority
14. Cycling Priority
15. Wrestling Priority
16. Weightlifting Priority
17. Swimming Priority

GENERAL (B)

1. Basketball General

2. Kayaking & Canoeing General

3. Equestrian General

4. Fencing General

5. Golf General
6. Gymnastics General

7 Handball General

8. Judo General

9. School Games (SGFI) General
10. Squash General
11. Table Tennis General
12. Volleyball General
13. Yachting General
14. Winter Games (WGFI) General

OTHERS (C)

1. Aero Club Others

2. Atya Patya Others

3. Ball Badminton Others

4. Baseball Others

5. Body Building Others
6. Bowling Others

7 Bridge Others

8. Carrom Others

9. Cricket Others
10. Cricket (Women) Others
11. Cycle Polo Others
12. Karate Others
13. Korfball Others
14. Kho-Kho Others
15. Mallakhamb Others
16. Motor Sports Others
17. Netball Others
18. Polo Others
19. Powerlifting Others
20. Roller Skating Others
21. Sepak Takraw Others
22. Softball Others
23. Shootingball Others
24. Sports for the Deaf Others
25. Taekwondo Others
26. Tenni-Koit Others
27. Tennisball Cricket Others
28. Throwball Others
29. Triathlon Others
30. Tug of War Others
31. Ten-Pin Bowling Others
32. Wrestling (Indian Style) Others
33. Wushu Others